

## **RRAD, Armor Holdings and AAR establish new partnership**

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### ***RRAD tour***

Red River Army Depot, Armor Holdings, Inc. and AAR announced here January 31 the signing of a public-private partnership focusing on the remanufacturing of the Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles (FMTV).

The PPP between Armor Holdings, Inc. and RRAD has been in the works for several months and is a first between the two organizations. Work performed under this agreement includes a quantity of 300 vehicles. This is a national reset program which includes a complete teardown and rebuild to enhance and prolong the performance life of the vehicles. Some components and systems being rebuilt by other Armor Holdings suppliers will be incorporated into the completed vehicle here at RRAD.

Under the agreement, AAR will provide logistics and inventory management support to Armor Holdings, Inc., for a period of two years with an option to extend the agreement for a third year. In support of this effort, AAR and Armor Holdings are establishing a warehousing facility in New Boston, Texas.

Chief, Heavy and Medium Tactical Division, David May, conducted a tour of the FMTV production line for distinguished members from both organizations prior to the official ribbon cutting ceremony for their facility in New Boston. One of the tour focuses was to illustrate the continuous injection of quality measures throughout the entire production line.

"This partnership is an excellent example of how the military-industry team can work together. It ensures that the highest quality vehicle, in the shortest amount of time, returns to the field ready to accomplish the mission again," said RRAD FMTV Program Manager Pam York.

### ***Facility ribbon cutting***

Several AAR, Armor Holdings and New Boston officials joined Colonel Douglas J. Evans and Deputy to the Commander George Montgomery in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the New Boston warehouse on January 31.

"We always want to provide the very best piece of equipment to the soldier," said Evans during the ceremony. "What I liked most about AAR was that they have the same desire as Red River to support the war fighter."

The Miss New Boston Court winners also participated in the ceremony. The ribbon cutting was followed by a reception to celebrate the facility.

"There is a lot of room for growth in this operation," said Bruce Harrison, Vice President of Armor Holdings. "We are looking forward to the road ahead."

AAR is headquartered in Wood Dale, Ill and employs approximately 3,500 employees at 40 various locations. Headquartered in Jacksonville, Fla., Armor Holdings manufactures vehicles armor systems as well as vehicle armor safety systems.

"This is a win-win situation for Red River, Armor Holdings and AAR," said Harrison. "Now it is even a win situation for Bowie County due to the job opportunities provided by this partnership. It also brings continued support for our troops."

"We are glad to have this new facility in Bowie County," said Judge James Carlow. "I see this is an opportunity to create synergy."